



CITY OF MORGAN HILL

17555 PEAK AVENUE MORGAN HILL CALIFORNIA 95037

LIBRARY, CULTURE AND ARTS COMMISSION

After Action Minutes

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 10, 2006

Morgan Hill Civic Center

Council Chambers
17555 Peak Avenue

LIBRARY COMMISSION

Chair	Einar Anderson
Vice-Chair	Charles Cameron
Commissioner	Chuck Dillmann
Commissioner	Sylvia H. Cook
Commissioner	Stan Salah
Commissioner	Vacant
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7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Absences: None

DECLARATION OF POSTING THE AGENDA

Per Government Code 54954.2

PLEDGE

Pledge was led by Chair Anderson

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

1. COUNTY LIBRARY REPORT

**County Librarian
Cervantes**

County Librarian Cervantes reported the JPA will meet on April 27th to review the FY2006-2007 budget at 1:30 p.m. at the Library Administration offices.

Library Legislation Day will be held in Sacramento on April 26th. Commissioners interested in attending can email or call Cynthia Garcia. Two issues for discussion are 1) a proposal to seek full funding for the Public Library Foundation; and 2) an increase in the Transaction Based Reimbursement (TBR). The TBR generated \$2 million in revenue for the Library for the past two years.

The Library's first all Staff Development Day will be held on Friday, May 5th; all libraries will be closed that day.

Proposition 81, a statewide measure that would provide \$600million to support library construction will appear on the June 2006 primary ballot.

The Library has applied for a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant in partnership with the Museum of Technology and Innovation. This grant focuses on science for "tweens". Grants will be awarded in July 2006.

At the request of the City, Ms. Cervantes provided information on the anticipated increase in revenues from property taxes. Ms. Cervantes stated the Library expects a 3% increase in revenue received from property taxes, however the Library will not know the exact amount until June. She added the Library does not anticipate increasing Library services in Morgan Hill in the next fiscal year. Additional revenue received from property taxes will probably be offset by salary increases, cost of living increases and increased cost for health benefits.

There are two factors that negatively affect Library tax revenue for operations: 1) Redevelopment Agencies (RDA) in individual cities such as Campbell, Milpitas, and Morgan Hill; and 2) the annexation of County islands by cities not part of the JPA. This is being done primarily in San Jose. RDA's are beneficial for capital projects, but not for on-going or operating expenses. Morgan Hill approved a pass through from the RDA to the Library that accounts for less than 10% cost of operations. As unincorporated areas are annexed by cities that are not members of the JPA, the Library can lose as much as \$1.3 million to the City of San Jose alone.

Labor negotiations for Santa Clara County employees will begin a few weeks, which could result in additional operating costs in FY2006-2007.

Although Measure A passed in May 2005, it only continued the same level of special tax that has been collected since 1994. Furthermore, in the last four years, there has been a loss of buying power for books and materials. The JPA recognized this and augmented the book budget by \$535,000 in February. The book budget is at the same level it was in FY2002-2003.

The Library report is included as Attachment A.

Joint Powers Authority

Council Member Tate

Council Member Tate reported the April JPA meeting will focus on the FY2006-2007 budget. Mr. Tate provided background on Proposition 81 and urged the Commission to support this bond. He noted that Gilroy could receive a grant award if this bond is passed. Although Morgan Hill submitted applications in all three funding cycles, it is unlikely Morgan Hill would receive funding due to the lower score our application received compared to Gilroy's score.

Mr. Tate also provided information on Morgan Hill's RDA. The extension of the RDA does not require a vote by the public, but approval by City Council. The Council would like to finish the RDA projects begun since 1999, which include flood control and economic development.

2. MORGAN HILL LIBRARY REPORT

Community Librarian Rosanne Macek

Ms. Macek reported the City Council voted unanimously to accept construction bids at their meeting on April 5th. The total cost of the project is now \$19 million. The ground breaking is scheduled for May 13 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Friends are working hard to plan this event. The construction will begin at the end of April. This means the Library will lose access to its back parking lot. Both staff and patrons will have to use street parking. A sidewalk will be installed to the back door of the Library so deliveries can still take place.

The 2006 class of Leadership Morgan Hill has selected fundraising for public art for the new Library as its project. There will be various fund raising events over the next few months to generate revenue to purchase a bronze statue for the front of the new library.

User statistics will be provided at the May meeting.

Programs and services continue to be successful. There were 35 attendees at the "Getting into College" seminar and about 60 attendees at the National Quilting Day celebration. *The Kite Runner* was the book discussion group's selection for March. The group will discuss *Ella Minnow* in April. There will be a free comic book day on May 6 with the help of Anime 101. There will be free comic books and food. This will be a chance for teens to tell Library staff what they need from the Library. The Summer Reading Club will begin June 3rd.

The Morgan Hill Library Report included as Attachment B

3. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

President Carol O'Hare

Carol O'Hare reported the ground breaking for the new Library has been rescheduled to May 13th. It will be a family fun event. She announced everyone is encouraged to bring a shovel and participate in the ground breaking.

The City Council approved the naming opportunities for areas in the new library. The campaign will include fundraising for art, such as a colorful mobile in the children's area, kinetic hanging sculpture in the foyer, a bronze sculpture at the entrance to the library and functional art such as clocks and restroom mirrors.

The Friends will sponsor a Speaker's Forum on April 27th. James Dalessandro, author of *1906* will be the featured author to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 1906 earthquake. The event will be held in the Morgan Hill Playhouse. This is an official Morgan Hill centennial event.

The May Speakers Forum will feature Ajahn Chandako, an American Buddhist Monk who will speak to "A Buddhist's Perspective on Peace". This event will be held on May 31st in the CCC's El Toro room.

The Friends of the Library Report is included as Attachment C.

4. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Commissioner Dillmann

Commissioner Dillmann reported there has not been much activity in regard to legislative issues.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2006

Commissioner Dillmann motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Cameron seconded the motion. Motion approved (5:0).

BUSINESS

6. SISTER CITY DISPLAY CASES AT COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTER

Recommended Action: Information Item. The Commission will receive and update on the status of the display cases to be installed at the Community and Cultural Center.

Dr. Foggiano of the Sister Cities Committee reported a location for the Sister City display case has been selected at the entrance to the El Toro room. He distributed a picture of the proposed case to the Commission. The case will be made of honey oak, is lighted and features a lock. The cost will be approximately \$1,800. Dr. Foggiano will forward this information to Anritsu for their donation.

The case can be ready by July 4th for the Sister City delegations who will visit Morgan Hill.

Commissioner Cameron motioned to approve a recommendation on the location and features of the display case. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. Motion approved (5:0).

7. PUBLIC ART POLICIES DRAFT

Recommended Action: Information Item. The Commission will continue to review and discuss the draft of policies and procedures for public art program.

Chair Anderson thanked Commissioner Cook for her hard work to prepare the draft. He noted it is a well written document that provides the mission and goals of the Commission. He added there needs to be language which outlines how the Commission will communicate with City Council. Commissioner Salah stated he was impressed with the document and Ms. Cooks efforts to develop a draft. He noted it is an excellent step forward for the Commission.

Commissioner Cook stated the document still needs quite a bit of information, but this can be provided at a later time. She stated she received an email requesting that dramatic and literary arts

be included in the language of the draft. She added that through her research, she's found that a major function of other cities Commissions is to provide grants. Ms. Cook will contact San Jose regarding their program.

Chair Anderson stated a main focus for the Commission can be to develop policies for art in public places. He stated the City has an existing policy regarding art at the Community and Cultural Center and the Library also has a policy regarding the display of art. He stated the City Council reviewed a report by former Police Chief Steve Schwab on public art. He asked staff to locate this report for the May meeting. County Librarian Cervantes added the Library prefers rotating displays of art and stated an adequate system to hang the art is not always available. Other issues the Library must consider for art displays are liability and repair and maintenance of art that's been donated to the Library.

The draft document calls for establishing an Art Advisory group. This group would work on public art and remain in contact with the arts community. This group could meet quarterly on its own or in lieu of a Commission meeting. Chair Anderson suggested the formation of this group could be addressed at a workshop. Commissioner Dillmann stated a visioning statement which outlines what the public art program will look like needs to be developed.

8. PUBLIC ART AT THE INDOOR RECREATION CENTER

Recommended Action: Information Item. Continued from March 13th meeting. The Commission will continue discussion of prospective art work and funding plan for public art at the Indoor Recreation Center.

Continued to May 8, 2006 meeting.

9. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

Public Arts Policy Draft
Public art for the Centennial Recreation Center
Commission Work Plan
Status of library program at James Boys' Ranch

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Carol O'Hare announced a meeting for the Beyond Books Campaign will held on April 18th.

Commissioner Dillmann stated lack of literacy skills for undocumented workers has contributed to increased costs for medical treatments etc. Not only are many not able to read English, but they are also unable to read and write in Spanish. Extending an invitation to the Director of the Vision Literacy program in Gilroy to attend a Commission meeting was suggested.

The Sobrato Center in San Martin has computers, but they have gone unused because there are no volunteers to teach computer skills.

11. ADJOURNMENT to next monthly meeting on **May 8, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community and Cultural Center-** Commissioner Cameron motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Dillmann seconded the motion. Motion approved (5:0).

Attachment A

Library Commissioners Report
Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian
Santa Clara County Library
April 2006

1. The Santa Clara County Library Joint Powers Authority Board meets to review the FY2006/07 Budget on Thursday, April 27, 2006 at 1:30pm.
2. CLA/CSLA Legislative Day in Sacramento will be held on Wednesday, April 26th. If interested in attending, please email Cynthia Garcia at cgarcia@lib.sccgov.org or call (408) 293-2326, x3090.
3. Santa Clara County Library will hold its first Staff Development Day on Friday, May 5th; all libraries will be closed that day so that staff may participate in this day of training and skill building.
4. Proposition 81, a statewide measure that would provide \$600 million to support library construction, will appear on the June 2006 Primary ballot. The California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2006 was introduced by Senator Alpert in 2004 and signed by the Governor last year.
5. Santa Clara County Library has applied for a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant in partnership with the Museum of Technology and Innovation with a focus on science literacy for Tweens. Grants will be awarded by the State Library in July 2006.

Santa Clara County Library Joint Powers Authority Property Tax Revenue Projection for FY2005-06

In general, Staff is projecting a 3% increase in property tax revenue but will not have "real" numbers until June. The Library JPA does not receive estimates as early as each City. Staff does not anticipate increasing Library services in Morgan Hill during the next fiscal year. Two factors that negatively affect Library property tax revenue for operations are Redevelopment Agencies (RDA) such as Campbell, Milpitas and Morgan Hill and the annexation of county islands, primarily by the City of San Jose. RDAs are very beneficial for capital construction projects, but not for ongoing operating expenses. In the case of Morgan Hill, the City Council has approved a pass through of RDA funds back to the Library that accounts for less than 10% of the cost of operations. A cursory look at the County Library property tax revenue lost when unincorporated areas are annexed by cities that are not members of the Library JPA points to the loss of \$1.3 million to San Jose alone over a period of time.

Santa Clara County Employee Labor negotiations will begin in a few weeks and may result in additional operating costs beginning in FY2006-07.

It's important to remember that while Measure A passed in May 2005, it only continued the same level of special tax as has been collected since 1994. Measure B would have restored Monday operations and 100% of the book budget. The JPA recognized the loss of buying power over the last four years and in February 2006 augmented the Library book budget by \$535,000. The Library book budget is now at the same level it was in FY2002-03.

Attachment B

Morgan Hill Library, Culture & Arts Commission April 10, 2006 Rosanne Macek, Community Librarian

NEW LIBRARY

- The City Council unanimously voted to accept the construction bids at their meeting on April 5. The total project cost is now \$19 million.
- The groundbreaking ceremony is now confirmed for May 13, from 2-4pm. The Friends are hard at work planning this event.
- Construction will begin at the end of April. That means that for the next year, the property where the construction is taking place will be fenced off and the library will lose use of the back parking lot. Both staff and patrons will have to use street parking. A sidewalk will be installed leading up to our back door, so our daily deliveries can still take place, and the trash bins will be relocated to the front of the building.
- The 2006 class of Leadership Morgan Hill has selected their project for this year and it will be to fundraise for public art for the new library. The Leadership Board has approved this project. The plan is to have various fundraising events over the next few months and purchase a bronze statue for the front of the new library, which could be placed at the current library until the new one is built.

USER STATISTICS

- None to report this month.

PROGRAMS/SERVICES

- Attendance at our programs continues to be good. We had 35 attendees for our "Getting Into College" seminar, about 60 attendees for our National Quilting Day celebration, and our regular storytime attendance continues to be high.
- Our book group discussed *The Kite Runner* last month, and will discuss *Ella Minnow Pea* this month. Extra copies of our book discussion books are made possible with funding from the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library.
- On May 6, we will have a free comic book day. Our teen librarian planned this event with the help of Anime-101, and will feature free comic books, food, and a chance for our teens to tell us what they need from the library.
- Last week was National Library Week, which we celebrated with a special children's craft program on Saturday.
- All plans are in place for our summer reading clubs, which will begin June 3. This is the largest and most important program we do each year. You'll start to see publicity for this shortly.

Attachment C

**Friends of the Morgan Hill Library Report
to the Library, Cultural and Arts Commission 4/10/2006**

The Groundbreaking Celebration for the new library has been rescheduled to Saturday, May 13, at 2 pm. It will be a fun, family event.

The Beyond Books Campaign

City Council has approved naming opportunities for areas in the new library. Campaign will include fundraising for art, such as colorful mobile in the children's area, kinetic hanging sculpture for the foyer, outside bronze sculpture, and functional art, such as clocks and restroom mirrors. 2006 Leadership Morgan Hill has selected fundraising for a piece of sculpture for the library as their class project.

The next Friends quarterly meeting will be on Wednesday, April 19, 7 pm at the library.

Friends Speakers Forums

Tuesday, April 25, 7 pm: James Dalessandro, author of the novel *1906*. Commemorates the 100 year anniversary of the San Francisco earthquake. Held at Morgan Hill Playhouse. This is an official Morgan Hill Centennial event)

Wednesday, May 31, 7 pm: Ajahn Chandako, an American Buddhist monk, speaks on "A Buddhist Perspective on Peace." Takes place at Morgan Hill Community Center in the El Toro Room

Speakers Forums are supported in part by a grant from the Rotary Club of Morgan Hill